

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
USSN: 09/740,975

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are all the claims pending in the application.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for stating that claims 1-11 would be allowable if rewritten to address the 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejections. Applicant has amended claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 9 and 10 to address the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejections and to better conform the claims to the English language and PTO practice. Applicant believes that the amendments do not narrow the scope of the claims.

OBJECTIONS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The Examiner objected to the specification because it allegedly contains several informalities. Applicant has amended the Specification, including the Abstract, to address these informalities. Therefore, Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw the objections to the Specification.

35 U.S.C. § 112 REJECTIONS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st and 2nd paragraphs. As mentioned above, Applicant has amended claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 9 and 10 to address these rejections. Therefore, Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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